AN ANALOGY OF LUKE 12:53 IN RELATION TO THE PRESENT TIMES
Luke 12:53; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Introduction:_____
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I.   FIRST, NOTICE THE _SETTING_ OF THE PASSAGE (Luke 12:49-53).

A. First, note the _previous_ passages (Luke 12:49-50).

B. Secondly, notice the _present_ passages (Luke 12:51-53).

II.   SECONDLY, NOTE A _SETTLED_ PASSAGE RELATING TO OUR PRESENT TIMES (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

A. First, let's _explore_ some Old Testament passages relating to the present times.

1. First, there is Jacob's _anticipation_ of *"the last days"* relating to the 12 tribes (Genesis 49:1).

2. Secondly there is Moses _alerting_ the Israelites of *"the latter days"* (Deuteronomy 31:29).

3. Thirdly, there is Jeremiah's _admonition_ to Israel relating to *the latter times"* (Jeremiah 30:24).

4. Fourthly, there is Joel's _advice_ to Israel relating to the Holy Spirit's coming in *"the last days"* (Joel 2:28-32).

B. Secondly, let's _examine_ a New Testament passage relating to present times (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

1. First, notice the _circumstances_ surrounding the last days (2 Timothy 3:1).

a. First, notice how the last days will have _unsafe_ times (3:1b). *". . . perilous times shall come."*
b. Secondly, not how the last days will be _unswerving_ times.

2. Secondly, note the _characteristics_ abounding during the last days (2 Timothy 3:2-5a).

a. First, notice how he describes their _deeds_ (3:2-4). **(SEE INSERT)**

b. Secondly, he depicts their _____ (3:5b)

c. Thirdly, he demonstrates their _____ (3:5b)

3. Thirdly, consider the _____ to us for the last days (3:5c). *". . . from such turn away . . ."*

a. First, we must _____ ourselves from such lifestyles.
b. Secondly, we must _____ ourselves from such lifestyles.

CONCLUSION:
1. **First, note how Paul _____ the Word of God as sufficient (3:15)**
2. **Secondly, notice how he _____ the Word of God as the authority (3:16-17).**
    > God's Word tells us what ___ right (*"profitable for doctrine"*).
    > God's Word tells us what ___ _____ right (*"for reproof"*).
    > God's Word tells us how to _____ right *"for correction"*)
    > God's Word tells us how to _____ right (*"for instruction in righteousness"*).